

## PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL ENGELBERG – Saturday 16 Dec 2023

### Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft won the first four men's individual events in the 2023/24 World Cup (Ruka on 25-26 November and Lillehammer on 2-3 December), but finished second and ninth in Klingenthal on 9-10 December.
- Kraft has won 34 individual men's World Cup events. He is two wins short of joining Janne Ahonen (36) in fifth place in the list of most men's individual World Cup wins.
- Kraft has yet to win a World Cup event in Engelberg. His best result in 18 World Cup events here is a second place on 21 December 2019, behind Kamil Stoch.
- Kraft can become the first Austrian to win a men's individual World Cup event in Engelberg since Michael Hayböck on 17 December 2016.
- Kraft leads the 2023/24 World Cup, with Engelberg being the last stop before the start of the Four Hills Tournament. The yellow bib wearer at the start of the Four Hills Tournament, traditionally in Oberstdorf, has won the tournament once in the last seven editions: Ryoyu Kobayashi in 2018/19.

### Andreas Wellinger

- Andreas Wellinger is second in the World Cup standings. He finished in the top five of all six men's individual World Cup events this season, including four podium finishes.
- Wellinger can win a individual World Cup event for the first time since 18 February 2023, when he won in Râsnov.
- Wellinger finished second in Engelberg in an individual men's World cup event on 16 December 2012 (at age 17) and 22 December 2013. He did not record a top-five finish in his next 14 individual World Cup participations in Engelberg.

### Other contenders

- Engelberg has been the final World Cup stop before the start of the Four Hills Tournament since 2002. The winner of a World Cup event in Engelberg went on to win the Four Hills Tournament in seven of the previous 21 editions.
- In the last 10 World Cup seasons, the winners of a World Cup event in Engelberg that went on to win the Four Hills Tournament were Peter Prevc (2015/16) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (2018/19 and 2021/22).
- **Austria** (64) is the country on the most podium finishes in individual men's World Cup events in Engelberg. Poland is next on 23 podium finishes here.
- **Poland** (99) can become the fifth country to reach 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria, Finland, Norway and Germany (including former East and West Germany).

- **Karl Geiger** has recorded 39 individual World Cup podium finishes, including 15 wins. He could equal Sven Hannawald (40) in fourth place for most individual men's World Cup podiums amongst German ski jumpers (including former East and West Germany).
- **Gregor Deschwanden** can become the first Swiss ski jumper to win a men's individual World Cup event in Engelberg since Simon Ammann on 20 December 2009.
- **Kamil Stoch** can win his 40th individual World Cup event, overtaking Adam Malysz as the third-most World Cup event winner. Stoch won in Engelberg on 22 December 2013 and 21 December 2019.
- Stoch is looking for his first podium finish in an individual World Cup event since a third place in Klingenthal on 11 December 2021.
- **Jan Hörl** recorded two of his five career World Cup podium finishes this season (second in Ruka and third in Lillehammer). Hörl seeks his second individual World Cup win, having previously triumphed in Wisla on 5 December 2021.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** won one of his last 21 individual World Cup events, a win in Lahti on 26 March 2023.
- A victory would extend Kobayashi's streak to six consecutive seasons with an individual World Cup win, making him the only active male ski jumper to achieve this since the 2018/19 season.
- **Daniel Tschofenig** recorded four third places in individual World Cup events in 2023 (including in Lillehammer on 2 December), marking the most podium finishes without a single win this calendar year.

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